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FOR MOOSE FROM AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER

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FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FOR GALLOWAY DEPARTURE RECEPTION.
THANKS FOR INCLUDING ME.

QUOTE: DEAR BILL:

IN MY FIRST MESSAGE FROM HENRY REPORTING ON DEVELOPMENTS
IN WASHINGTON, I HAVE LEARNED THAT YOU WILL BE RECEIVING
THIS WEEK THE FAREWELL PLAUDITS YOU BELIEVE YOU SO RICHLY
DESERVE. I COULD NOT LET SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY PASS WITHOUT
TELLING YOU WHAT I REALLY THINK OF YOU--PARTICULARLY
WHEN SAFELY SEPARATED BY SEVERAL THOUSAND MILES, WITH THE
WHOLE YUGOSLAV ARMY BETWEEN US.

WHEN I LOOK BACK ON OUR TIME TOGETHER I GET TEARS IN
MY EYES AND A CATCH IN MY THROAT. I REMEMBER THE MANY
TIMES YOU TOLD ME--(SOMETIMES WITH THE PATIENT
RESIGNATION OF A PARENT, BUT MORE OFTEN IN A TONE
REMINISCENT OF A FELLOW WITH A GERMAN ACCENT DOWN THE
HALL)--WHAT I WAS DOING WRONG, WHAT I WAS NOT
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DOING AT ALL, AND WHAT I SHOULD NEVER DO AGAIN.

I ALSO RECALL WITH NOSTALGIA YOUR MANY PROPOSALS
FOR REORGANIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARTS THEREOF.
I STILL THINK YOUR SUGGESTION THAT I WORK JOHN THOMAS
AND HIS BUREAU INTO THE PASSPORT OFFICE WAS A BIT
EXTREME, BUT HAVE OFTEN WONDERED WHETHER I SHOULD'T

HAVE GONE ALONG WITH YOUR PROPOSAL TO PLACE DG
AND PER UNDER ED MISEY. THE SUGGESTION YOU SO OFTEN
MADE ABOUT ABOLISHING M, WHILE LEAVING THE EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT POSITION IN PLACE, ALSO BEGAN TO SEEM A
REASONABLE ONE SHORTLY AFTER THE MIDDLE OF LAST JANUARY.

BUT SO BE IT, OF SUCH OVERSIGHTS IS THE STUFF OF
FOREIGN POLICY MADE. I PROMISE TO DO BETTER NEXT TIME.

SERIOUSLY, OLD FRIEND, I KNOW HOW MUCH EVERYONE THERE
WILL MISS YOU--BECAUSE I ALREADY DO. YOU WERE A GREAT
GUY TO HAVE AROUND, NOT ONLY AS A FATHER FIGURE,
BUT BECAUSE OF YOUR ABSOLUTE INTEGRITY AND CONSIDERABLE
COURAGE. THERE AREN'T MANY LIKE YOU IN THIS BUSINESS
OF OURS, AND I SHALL ALWAYS CHERISH OUR TIMES TOGETHER--
BOTH THE GOOD AND THE BAD.

THE BEST OF LUCK TO YOU AND ALL THE BEST FROM
SOMEONE WHO WILL NEVER FORGET HOW GOOD IT WAS
TO WORK WITH AND FOR YOU.

WANT TO BORROW MY RAZOR?
EAGLEBURGER

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